

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:18-cv-000164-MR**

**METROPOLITAN LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**STELLETTA SMITH-HOWELL and
TRAVIS FLACK,**

**Defendants and
Claimants in
Interpleader.**

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Motion for Receipt and Deposit of Interpleader Funds [Doc. 5].

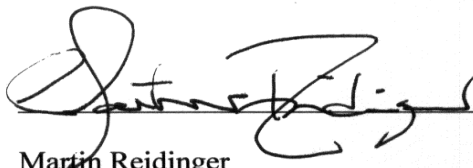
For the reasons stated by the Plaintiff, and good cause shown,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Motion for Receipt and Deposit of Interpleader Funds [Doc. 5] is **GRANTED**, and the Plaintiff shall tender funds amounting to \$165,000.00, plus any applicable interest, to the Clerk of this Court, within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order. Said funds shall be deemed Disputed Ownership Funds ("DOF") in accordance with Local Civil Rule 67.1 and the applicable IRS definition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in accordance with the provisions of Local Civil Rule 67.1, the Clerk of this Court shall receive and deposit said funds in an interest-bearing account or invest said funds in a court-approved, interest-bearing instrument, subject to further Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: June 18, 2018


Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

